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REGISTER TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR LAND

Much interest is now being manifested in the new 640-acre homestead law and quite a few people have gone to the counties west of here to take suspended filing under the new law. A. J. Evans, Register of the Land Office at Fort Sumner, has written the News that he is now receiving applications for land. There seems to be a number of different opinions going the rounds in regard to the provisions of the new law and those who are interested will find a close reading of the law published elsewhere in this issue worth their while.

THE LEAST EXPENSES.

New Mexico runs its state and county governments for less money than any other state in the Union. Not only is the total amount spent for government less but the amount of taxes paid per individual is less than in any other state.

Such is the information contained in an official bulletin recently issued by the census department of the government after a careful investigation of the subject.

This should put the quietus on the numerous kickers who profess to think that their taxes are high and are everlastingly telling how much lower taxes were back in — where they came from—but it won't. New Mexico State Record.

JEWISH GOVERNORS.

The New Year will find two of the states of the Union ruled by governors of the Jewish faith, for the first time in the history of the country. In Idaho Governor Moses Alexander is about to begin his second term and on New Year's Day Simon Hamberger will be inducted into the office of chief executive of Utah. Mr. Hamberger will have the additional distinction of being the first Democrat to fill the gubernatorial chair in Utah.

MARSHALL MAY MAKE ADDRESS IN ROSWELL

Hon. Thos. R. Marshall, vice president of the United States has been invited by J. E. Clayton, Jr., secretary of the Commercial Club, to visit Roswell while he is in the southwest and deliver an address at a district convention of the Ozark Trails Association which will be held there January 10-11. Mr. Marshall is at present spending the holidays at Phoenix, Ariz., and will most probably accept the invitation.

CREAMERY SOLD.

J. Frank Neel has sold the Clovis Creamery & Produce Company to the R. H. Morrow Hide and Poultry Co. of this place. The Clovis Creamery is one of the substantial businesses of Clovis and has handled much cream and produce during the past year. Ned Lowder, who has been for some time an employee, will be buyer for the business. Mr. Neel will not leave Clovis, but will devote his attention to some other interests.

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION.

Following is the program for the meeting of the Home and School Association to be held at the high school assembly at 3 p. m., next Friday, January 12th.

Invocation—Rev. Dilling.
Song—Fifth Grade, West Side.
Secretary's Report.
Address—County Superintendent J. M. Bickley, "The Parent and the Child at School."
Instrumental selection—Thelma Reagan.

A FINE RAIN.

The Clovis section got a good rain Saturday night. The fall amounted to about three-fourths of an inch and the moisture will be of great benefit to the wheat fields.

PORTALES LAWYER NAMED.

District Attorney Robert C. Dow has announced the appointment of T. E. Meers, of Portales, as his assistant in the discharge of the duties of his office in the Fifth judicial district.

A BIG RANCH DEAL.

One of the largest ranch deals that the southwest has known for a long time was consummated recently when John and Pat Landergh of Amarillo purchased 100,000 acres of X. I. T. Ranch land from the Capitol syndicate Co. The consideration was \$575,000.00. The ranch covers a part of Oldham and Deaf Smith counties of Texas. One of the purchasers of this big body of land recently made the statement that in order to remain in the cattle business it was necessary for them to make this purchase as it is no longer possible for the big cow man to depend on leasing to obtain sufficient land to graze his cattle.

DAIRYING AND HOG RAISING IN N. M.

"This section is best adapted to stock farming, particularly dairying and hog raising," says E. E. Hongland, Portales merchant. "The dairy industry is but in its infancy, and the possibilities along this line are great."

"In connection with dairying, hog raising is a source of much profit, in fact no form of stock raising will produce as large returns so quickly as hog raising. The finished product from here has topped the market in Kansas City and Fort Worth many times."

"These stock farmers who are diversifying along the lines above outlined are making a success of their business."

These industries, however, have been little recognized in eastern New Mexico in the past. The bankers and business men have only recently taken note of the fact that both dairying and hog raising are producing surprising results as income sources to the careful farmer. They have become convinced that these industries should be encouraged.

But these industries to succeed must come in connection with mixed farming. And eastern New Mexico is especially adapted thereto by soil, climate and water supply. The sorghum grains and forage and small grains like winter wheat, oats, barley and other crops must have a place in the mixed farming.

The one-crop country does not prosper in the long run. There must be plenty of field crops of every variety suited to the country and milk cows, hogs, and other live stock to eat the surplus to produce lasting prosperity.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

We are holding cottage prayer meetings each evening in the week in preparation for the revival services to begin at the Methodist church next Sunday and continue for ten days more.

Morning subject next Sunday, "God's Self-Imposed Task." Evening subject, "Man's response to Both the Command and Invitation." All are very cordially invited to attend any and all of these services. Come and worship with us. We will begin on time and close on time.

J. T. Redmon, Pastor

WOMAN SUFFRAGE AND PROHIBITION.

Questions of statewide prohibition and woman suffrage are chief in point of interest that will confront the new legislature that will convene next Tuesday. Republicans and Democrats alike are pledged by their platforms to the submission of amendments providing for these reforms, to popular vote.

BAPTIST PASTOR ACCEPTS.

Rev. S. B. Culpepper of Fort Worth, Texas, has accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Clovis and is on the field. His family will move in a few days. Mr. Culpepper has just finished his work in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth and has held some prominent pastorates, both in Mississippi and in Texas. For some years he attended Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and while attending Baylor he served the First Baptist church at Roseland, Texas. While attending the Seminary at Fort Worth he served the First Baptist Church at Bynum, Texas. Before coming to Texas he served the First Baptist church at Newton, Miss. Having founded the Clark Memorial College at Newton, he was its first president.

MAY NAME JUDGE NEXT WEEK.

The nomination of a federal judge for New Mexico is now expected to be sent to the Senate by President Wilson on next Tuesday, January 9. Congress convened today after the holiday recess, but no nominations were made. It is customary for the president's nominations to go in on Tuesdays.

JOHN DAVIS STABBED TO DEATH AT TEXICO

A horrible tragedy occurred at Texico Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock when John Davis was stabbed and killed by George Moss. Davis was slashed several times about the body, one of the knife wounds cutting his throat. The trouble occurred in Deats' Saloon where the two men met. The killing is said to be the outcome of trouble that came up over the possession of some property.

Moss is 54 years of age and has grown children. John Davis was a young man about twenty-two years old.

Immediately after the killing Moss was arrested by the deputy sheriff at Texico and brought to Clovis and turned over to Sheriff Moye. There is considerable feeling against the accused at Texico and Sheriff Moye took Moss to Roswell Wednesday and he will be kept in jail there until his trial comes up at a later date.

EXPLANATION OF THE 640-ACRE LAW

The following explanation of the new homestead act has been given out:

The bill authorizes the secretary of the interior to designate the land which will be subject to entry under this bill. It will require some time to do this and those who attempt to make filings under the bill prior to such designation by the secretary must do so at their own risk. The bill provides, however, that settlers may file on land before the secretary has completed the work of designation. The application must be accompanied by affidavits showing that in the opinion of the entryman the land is of the character contemplated by the act. In addition to that the entryman must deposit with the land office the regular fees and commissions and thereupon the land will be withdrawn from entry until the secretary of the interior shall have an opportunity to determine its character. The entryman, however, will not be permitted to occupy the land until the secretary has actually designated it as subject to entry.

Any person qualified to make entry under the general homestead laws of the United States may make a stock raising homestead entry. Instead of cultivation, as required by the general homestead laws, the entryman will be required to make permanent improvements upon the land of a value not less than \$1.25 per acre and at least one-half of the improvements must be made on the land within 3 years from the date of entry.

The bill provides that settlers who have made filings under the general homestead law and amendments thereto may make additional filings sufficient to give them 640 acres. However, they must show that the land on which they originally filed is of the same character as the land affected by the 640 acre bill. In other words that it is chiefly for grazing and raising forage crops, does not contain merchantable timber, is not susceptible of irrigation from any known source of water supply and is of such character that 640 acres are required for the reasonable support of a family.

The land covered by an additional entry must be within a radius of twenty miles from the settler's first entry and the entryman is required to file on contiguous areas which may be open prior to filing on non-contiguous land.

Homesteaders who are living on their original entries are not required to establish residence on their additional entries. When they come to prove up it will only be necessary for them to show that they have made the required permanent improvements.

In case a homesteader finds he

is within the prescribed radius of 20 miles, he may, if he sees fit, surrender his original filing and make a new entry, however, must be in the same land office and district as the first.

Homesteaders who are required to make additional entries have preferential right to file on said lands for ninety days after the secretary of the interior has designated the land subject to entry under the provisions of the bill. In case this preferential right leads to a conflict between homesteaders the secretary of the interior is authorized to make a division of the land.

At the suggestion of the cattle raising interests a provision was placed in the bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to withdraw from entry water holes and other bodies of water needed or used by the public for watering stock. He was also authorized to withdraw from entry such lands as might be necessary to establish driveways needed for use in the movement of stock to the summer and winter ranges to shipping points. He will make rules and regulations for the administration of these driveways.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETS.

The executive board of the Portales Baptist Association met in Clovis this week. Those who were here attending the meeting were Dr. E. B. Atwood, State Mission Secretary of Albuquerque; Pastor J. Frank Nix of Fort Sumner; Pastor S. M. Edwards of Portales; C. Ross Payne, Sunday School Field Secretary of Albuquerque; Dr. W. M. Daily of Portales; Dr. J. B. Owen of Portales; Pastor Bloedorn of Pleasant Hill and Rev. L. L. K. of Clovis. Rev. J. T. Rupert was named as Association Missionary for the coming year.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY.

A party was given New Year's night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Martin to the members of the Woman's Club and their families. The home was beautifully decorated, the living room being decorated in the club colors, pink and white, and the dining room in holiday colors of green and red. The evening's entertainment consisted of games, contests, music, etc., and dainty refreshments furnished a fitting climax for an evening thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. Lulkart on Jan. 16th.

J. F. Smithson, the Grady real estate man, was in town Wednesday. Mr. Smithson says that the rain extended out the Grady way and that it will help the wheat. With a few good rains or some snow during the next few months the Grady country is going to contribute its share toward furnishing the nation's wheat supply next year.

FOR SALE—Some good milk cows at my place four miles southwest of Clovis. Also some good bundle feed. R. I. Duke. 29-4p

THE SIGNS ARE RIGHT.

An official call was made for the banks to report their condition on the 27th day of December and the Clovis banks have made a most gratifying showing. There is on deposit in the three banks here about \$800,000, a substantial increase in deposits over the statements shown a few weeks ago.

This is indeed gratifying—it shows everything is O. K. financially in the Clovis country. When the banks are increasing in deposits with each statement, it is a sure sign that people are prospering. Come to Clovis!

DE BACA GOVERNOR NOW.

Enrique U. De Baca is now governor of New Mexico. He took the oath of office and is apparently in better health than he was a few months ago. The oath was administered to him by Chief Justice Richard M. Hanna of the New Mexico Supreme Court. Immediately after he was sworn in as governor, he was warmly congratulated by Lieutenant Governor Lindsey, in which congratulation Mr. Lindsey assured the governor that he would have his hearty co-operation and assistance in the discharge of his official duties. This was the first time that Mr. Lindsey and the governor had ever met.

AUTO LAW TO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED

Following is a letter relative to the automobile law that has been received by the sheriff's office from the Secretary of State.

D. L. Moye, Sheriff,
Curry County, N. M.
Dear Sir:

I am writing to call your attention to Sec. 394 Annotated Statutes of New Mexico, which says, among other things, "that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State, to require of sheriffs, constables and other police officers an enforcement of the provisions of the automobile law."

This surely does not mean that I as Secretary of State must call attention of police officers to violations of the law every time one occurs and that the officers must wait until then to make the arrests, if necessary. What the law really provides is that I invite the attention of all police officers to all the provisions of the law and require of them that they see to it that the same are enforced to the letter and this is what I am doing now.

The motor vehicle law makes it a misdemeanor, (1) for anyone to operate a machine while in an intoxicated condition; (2) to operate after the first of the year any machine without the license and number plate provided by law, which this year is of orange color with black figures; (3) for any person under 14 years of age to operate a machine; (4) to make a false statement in order to obtain a license.

The number plate must be conspicuously displayed on the rear of the machine.

Non-resident motor vehicle owners having a license number from another state, who do not remain in the state longer than sixty days need not have a New Mexico license.

But this privilege stops when the car is sold to a New Mexico resident or when the outsider becomes a resident of the state. This privilege is being abused frequently by some non-residents and police officers are requested to extend no leniency to anyone caught violating the law in this respect.

As license tags are sent out from this office on the day the application is received, officers are advised that no one is allowed to run a car having thereon instead of the required license number, a cardboard sign with the inscription "license applied for."

Dealers who use their dealers' tags on cars for hire or kept for private use violate the law and should be arrested.

Metal tags are non-transferable from one car to another. That is if a tag is obtained for a Ford car, for instance the factory number of the car for which it is obtained is entered on our books and then it cannot be used, legally, on any other car, though it be of the same make. When a car is sold the license tag may go with it but the vendor or the vendee must notify this office of such transfer and pay one dollar for noting transfer of license on books of the department.

In conclusion, I wish to most earnestly request every peace officer in the state to honestly and conscientiously cooperate with this department in its effort to enforce to the letter the Automobile law.

If you should be in doubt sometime regarding what you should do in any given case, don't hesitate to either telephone or telegraph to this department at my expense for the information desired.

Yours truly,
Antonio Lucero.

The Sheriff's office as well as the city authorities have served notice that this law is going to be enforced to the letter and have given the matter this publicity in order that the public may know the provisions of the law.

I wear chronic disease of all kinds.
Dr. E. A. Gibson. 29-4p

NEW COUNTY OFFICERS HAVE TAKEN CHARGE

The various newly elected county officers took charge of their respective positions this week. Monday the county commissioners met and transacted some business. Dr. J. L. Leach of Melrose was elected chairman of the board. Dr. A. L. Dillon was elected county health officer and M. L. Johnston of Grady was named as janitor of the court house.

The board deferred action on naming an official paper for the county as well as attending to other matters until a meeting to be held on the 15th of January. They were in session only a short time and only attempted to organize and get ready for business.

SANTA FE IMPROVEMENT IN EASTERN N. M.

"Extensive betterments have been made during the year just closed on the Santa Fe Railway in eastern New Mexico," says R. J. Parker, General manager of western lines of the Santa Fe system, with headquarters at Amarillo, Texas.

"Steel gages have been at work on the line into the Pecos Valley and about sixty miles of heavy steel has been laid from the Pecos river northward to the main line at Clovis. Help has not been plentiful and for this reason we failed to lay as much steel on this line as contemplated. We had expected to reach Roswell with heavy steel by the end of the year.

At the Clovis terminals, considerable work has been done during the past year. At the Carlisle terminals a fire stall roundhouse, hundred ton mechanical coal chute and a choker pit are nearly finished. Bridges and culverts have been strengthened and many minor improvements made on the Pecos Valley line and the Belen cut-off.

"The last fiscal year the Santa Fe spent \$6,596,461.91 for additions and betterments and the lines in eastern New Mexico received their share of this expenditure. For maintenance of way and structures \$10,518,635.63 was spent during the year.

"It is the policy of the Santa Fe," Mr. Parker continued, "to improve its own equipment and to give the public the best service possible. Though we are not ready to announce what betterments will be made in the new year in this section, we hope to do much work here that will add to the efficiency of the lines."

A GOOD SHOWING.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens bank here this week, the following officers and directors were elected to serve the bank during the coming year: President, Geo. W. Singleton; Vice-President, J. A. Latta; Vice-President, Chas. E. Dennis; Cashier, S. A. Jones; Assistant Cashier, L. C. Petree. The directors of the bank are G. W. Singleton, J. A. Latta, Chas. E. Dennis, Cash Ramey, S. T. Lawrence and S. A. Jones. The bank has in business only nine months, but a most flattering showing has been made. At the meeting of the stockholders a dividend of 5 per cent was paid and in addition to this 15 per cent was set aside as a surplus fund of the bank. It is doubtful if there are any banks the age of the Citizens Bank in the State that will make a better showing than it has made at the end of its first year in business.

The First National and Clovis National banks will have their annual meetings next week.

TEACHERS ENTERTAINED.

Miss Lillian Smith was the charming hostess at a leap year party last Friday evening at the home of her sister, Mrs. L. B. Gregg in honor of the teachers of the Clovis schools. The invitations were sent out in the form of "last leap year party." There were five tables of progressive hearts, which proved a very entertaining and much enjoyed feature of the evening.

A dainty two course lunch, consisting of turkey sandwiches, salad, pickles, olives and coffee and ice cream and cake was served.

E. W. Reagan and J. H. Shepard have formed a partnership in the land and cattle business and will operate under the name of the Reagan Land & Cattle Company. They will do an aggressive real estate business and will also buy and sell cattle. That they will make a success of the business goes without saying as both of these men are hustlers.